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MAYOR TIM KABAT
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Dear Mayor Kabat:

Attached please find the State Municipal Agreement (SMA) per our June 26 email to the city. The SMA outlines the City of La Crosse's responsibility for 100% of the redesign costs for proposed changes to the cross-sectional elements of the USH 53/Rose Street typical section if signed.

Also attached is a document from our design consultant (Ayres & Associates) detailing the estimated cost of their redesign efforts, a proposed design delivery timeline, as well as the assumptions they used in the development of their cost estimate. The estimate reflects work to accommodate the city's redesign proposals late in the project schedule after a comprehensive, multi-year public involvement and environmental impact process had been completed, including public involvement meetings, advisory committee meetings, and numerous individual and stakeholder meetings. Redesign efforts will also be required by various WisDOT staff; these costs are included in the SMA cost estimate.

The estimated \$250,000 redesign (lane widths, median widths, location of bike accommodations) takes into account the subsequent redesign needed for many of the project's elements (storm sewer, traffic control and staging, lighting, signing, pavement marking, plan and profile sheets), ultimately resulting in revisions to 80-90% of the project's plan sheets. Please note the signing of the SMA agrees to 100% of the actual redesign costs, not the estimated cost.

Approximately \$50,000 in engineering costs have been incurred by WisDOT and our consultant in the evaluation and response to the city's conceptual proposals. The city is not being asked to pay for any of these efforts, and it is not included in the SMA.

The signed SMA must be received by WisDOT no later than August 1, 2015. This is the latest possible date that redesign efforts could begin without significantly jeopardizing the project's design delivery schedule. If the SMA is not received by August 1 the department will continue to move forward with the currently proposed design. If we receive a signed SMA by Aug. 1 and the department and city have come to an agreement on the cross-sectional elements of the typical section alternatives, we will proceed with the design of the two additional alternatives with enough detail to present at a public involvement meeting.

If the City of La Crosse wishes to pursue the implementation of other proposed concepts, Traffic Engineering Analysis will need to be submitted to WisDOT by July 31. Upon WisDOT review and approval, these elements would need to be presented at a public meeting. These redesign efforts are not included in the estimated cost, and would likely result in additional costs to the city.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the details in the attached documents, please don't hesitate to contact me. Furthermore, if you feel it would be beneficial to meet in person, I would be willing to do that as well. Lastly, I would like to thank the city for all coordination and communication efforts as we move forward with this important project for the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Gregas', written in a cursive style.

Joe Gregas, P.E.
WisDOT Project Supervisor